

the large hospitals in Brooklyn had accepted four young Indian girls with "good manners" and an education. Let us hope they were at least educated. I really do think all hospitals and schools are accepting nurses with less refinement and education than they formerly did.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. S.

SUGGESTIONS TO CORRESPONDENTS

DEAR EDITOR: It is no doubt hard for others to sympathize as we should in both cases of M. B. B. in the April number and E. B. U. in the July number,—both nurses certainly had a very unpleasant time,—and not easy to understand, for I have never come in contact with members of our own profession who, to my knowledge, have done such unprincipled work as those nurses who first had charge of these cases. Though I know there are, unfortunately, both doctors and nurses that seem to lack honesty, thank God they grow fewer each year. I should like to suggest to M. B. B. and E. B. U. that if they are not already members of their own state or county association that they immediately become such and then take such trouble as they speak of to their county board, and have these others expelled, if they are also members; if not, have them reprimanded in some dignified way. One's own county association is the board to which she should carry these minor troubles. I do not believe such dishonest nurses figure very often in our life. We are not all perfect, but I believe almost every one of us has her patient's welfare in her heart, and I believe if a nurse, already graduated from a good school, should be found to do otherwise than what is honest and true, her diploma should be demanded. However, if they were, as I hope, untrained nurses, then we can say nothing but that we are sorry for their ignorance.

T.

A PROTEST

DEAR EDITOR: The AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for July contains in its report of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States the following:

"A letter was read from Mrs. Shaw, president of the Woman's Suffrage League, asking the Association to endorse the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The thinking women of America are striving more earnestly than ever before to be a helpful part of the people, in the firm belief that men and women together compose a democracy, and that

until men and women have equal political rights they cannot do their best work, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, numbering 14,000 members, as a company of patriotic workers, heartily endorse every well-directed movement which tends to emancipate the women of our land and give them their rightful place in government."

"After some discussion the motion was lost by a large majority."

This means that the representative women of the nursing profession refuse to even endorse the struggle other women workers of the world are making for the organization and self-government we as nurses enjoy to a perhaps greater degree than any other body of working women.

Surely there must be among our 14,000 members many who, with Miss Dock, "would have given much to have walked in the great parade in London on June 13 under the Florence Nightingale banner at the head of the Nurses' Contingent in their uniform."

The society for state registration is asking what is to be its field of usefulness when registration is a well-established fact. What better cause than to organize in support of the fight less fortunate women are making for equal pay for equal work?

EDITH THURESSON KELLY.

DEAR EDITOR: I should like to thank L. B. M. through your pages for her kind tribute to the private duty nurse, but I would also endorse the suggestion of W. in the July number that she attend one of the conventions and she will surely be delighted to find some very clever women from the private nursing field as well as from institutions. If there is any honor coming to us for doing what is right in helping those who have the responsibility of educating those who shall take up our life duties when we are called hence, I think it usually comes to us sooner or later.

E.